Fluoride Mitigation Centre at Gujarat

2301. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to Ministry of Rural development for establishing the Fluoride Mitigation Centre;

(b) if so, when was the proposal received;

(c) what considerations have been made in this regard; and

(d) when a final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that Government of Gujarat had submitted a proposal for establishment of Fluoride Mitigation Centre. This proposal was received in July 2002. All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health Kolkata was entrusted with the task of preparing a project proposal for Fluoride Mitigation Centre in the country. The AIIHPH had submitted its draft report to the Department of Drinking Water Supply. Opinions of experts have been sought on the draft project document.

Employment provided by Government to rural poor

2302. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rural poor given work by the Government during the last three years, the State-wise and year-wise figures therefor;

(b) which is the State that has got maximum benefit from the Employment Assurance Programme for the rural poor;

(c) which State has taken the least advantage of the scheme for employment of rural poor; and

(d) what are the total assets created in the rural poor sector from this scheme so far for last three years; the State-wise figures therefor?